

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner allowed Claims 20-25 and stated that Claims 2-7, 10-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This statement of patentable subject matter is acknowledged with appreciation.

In respond to the objection of the specification, Applicants correct two obvious mistakes in the specification at page 6, line 3 and 4 based on the consistency of the description. Applicants further state that all claims are commonly owned by every inventor.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

Rejections of Claims 1, 8, 9 and 15-19 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 8, 9 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu et al. (U.S. 6,087,235) in view of Deckert et al. (U.S. 4,269,654) . In the rejected claims, only Claim 1 is independent.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 1 by incorporating the subject matter of allowable Claim 2, dependent thereon, and have canceled intervening claims. Those claims that were not cancelled and dependent on a cancelled claim were amended to be dependent on a pending claim.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by this Response and Amendment. Accordingly, it is submitted that all claims should now be in condition for allowance, and an indication of such would

be appreciated.

Should this case not be in immediate condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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